

## I Wonder Who Celebrates That? (Christmas Fun)



It's the end of the autumn term already! We are going to enjoy our last week having lots of Christmas Fun! We will read a range of Christmas stories and sing lots of Christmas songs. We will be throwing a Christmas party, and will also be having some Christmas storytelling from the Listen Inn <https://thelisteninn.co.uk/>.

### Handy Hints to Help at Home

#### Literacy:

In Literacy, we will be continuing to focus on developing careful listening and questioning skills by listening to a variety of stories and information books.

Things to do to help at home:

- Read lots of Christmas stories with your child in the lead up to the big day. Discuss the characters, settings, endings etc.
- One of our learning objectives this week is to understand who, what and where questions. Practise using them at home in everyday conversation with your child, for instance, "Where does Father Christmas live?" "Who pulls the sleigh?" and "What would you like to find under the Christmas tree?"
- Encourage your child to hold a pencil using a tripod grip. You can do this by placing a pencil on the edge of the table, tip slightly off, and asking your child to pick it up with their

thumb and fore finger. As they pick it up, flip it back to rest against their hand in a tripod grip.

- Encourage your child to respond to and follow instructions.
- Encourage your child to ask questions with a variety of 'starters' e.g. who, what, where, why, how and then to listen carefully to the answer.
- Help your child to hold a pencil effectively, using a tripod grip, during mark making.
- Play listening games – hide an object behind your back i.e. a set of keys, bells etc. Can your child recognise the sound?
- Practise recognising familiar voices, tunes, humming to music.

### Maths

This week we will be revising our counting skills by singing lots of Christmas counting songs, such as Five Little Snowmen, which we sang in our Christmas Sing-a-Long!

Things to do to help at home:

- Can your child spot different patterns on Christmas wrapping paper and use informal language i.e. spotty, stripey, wavy, zig-zag, checkered etc. to describe the pattern?
- Keep practising those Christmas counting songs to revise your numbers to 5! (See lyrics below).
- Continue to provide opportunities for your child to count by rote, forwards and backwards.
- Continue to encourage your child to recognise numbers to 5.
- Provide opportunities for your child to count out groups of items e.g. "Can you get me 4 forks" when laying the table.
- Use puzzles & games.

### Expressive Arts & Design/Understanding the World

We will be continuing creating lots of fantastic Christmas art and crafts that the children will be able to bring home with them on their last day of term.

## Christmas Fun

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will be having some Christmas storytelling from the Listen Inn <https://thelisteninn.co.uk/>.

There will be a storytelling in the morning for Wren children and another storytelling in the afternoon for the Sparrow children to enjoy.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be throwing a Christmas Party for the children! There will be lots of Christmas games and music. We will also be providing the children with a Christmas treat to go with their usual fruit and/or vegetable snack. Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding dietary requirements.



The school closes early on the last day of term so children in Sparrow class will need to be collected at 2.15pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

The spring term starts for all children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Finally, from all of the Nursery Staff,

We Wish You All A Very  
Merry Christmas!